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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: AMERICAN SPECIALIST PROGRAM -- UPPER VOLTA

PLAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL

DEPT PLEASE PASS USIA FOR IMV/C RUSSELL AND IAA

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1. PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL (FESPACO) SCHEDULED IN UPPER VOLTA FEB 1 THRU 10, ALTHOUGH MODEST BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, IS MAJOR AND IMPORTANT EVENT LOCALLY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON EMBASSY HAD PLANNED PARTICIPATION USING USIA FILMS.

2. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED REQUESTING PARTICIPATION BY AN AMERICAN SPECIALIST, BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH PARTICIPATION IS BOTH DESIRABLE AND RECOMMENDED, ESPECIALLY SINCE GOGV WILL ASSUME A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF INVOLVED COSTS.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY PREVIOUS FESPACO PARTICIPATION BY WEAVER. FESPACO DIRECTOR LOUIS THOMBIANO STATES THAT HE MET WEAVER AT 1975 CARTHAGE FILM FESTIVAL; IMPRESSED BY WEAVER'S AMERICAN CINEMA PRESENTATION, THE FESPACO INVITATION WAS EXTENDED ACCORDINGLY.

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4. REQUEST AMEMBASSY TUNIS ADVISE DEPARTMENT SOONEST
EVALUATION WEAVER'S CARTHAGE FILM FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTION.

5. PROVIDING TUNIS ASSESSMENT POSITIVE AND DEPARTMENT
FINDS FILMS ACCEPTABLE, RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT FUND
AIR TRAVEL AND FILM TRANSPORT COST.
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